

MEETING, TOWN BOARD OF GENOA

October 13, 2010

A Regular meeting of the Town Board of Genoa, Cayuga County, State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 1000 Bartnick Road, Genoa NY on October 13, 2010

Present	Lorie Fessenden, Supervisor	Frank Sellen, Hgwy Supt
	Cheryl Shields, Board Member	Mick Piechuta, Code Enforcement
	Dale Sellen, Board Member	Mark Conne, Water Supt
	Al Armstrong Jr., Board Member	Jeff Lowe
	Sue Moss, Clerk	Heather Garner, Assessor
		Brenda Tyrrell, Water Clerk
		Kim Bennett, Justice

Other visitors: Sjana McClure-Berry, Jay Ardai, Suzanne O'Hara, Joyce Lovelace, Louis DeLap, Paul Burhans, Ms. Wilbur

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor Lorie Fessenden with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Justice Bennett spoke to the Board about the grant he is applying for. He asked for their signatures as the grant deadline is October 31. He also asked for a breakdown of his 2010 budget to submit with the grant. He would like to use the money (if awarded to him) for more lights in the parking lot and cameras for the front of the building.

He also mentioned that there will be no more names on his monthly court report to the supervisor; just the reason for the appearance and the disposition of the case.

Heather Garner, the Town Assessor began her presentation, Understanding your Tax Bill 101. She handed out packets to those in attendance. In the packet were the following pamphlets: Property Tax Bills and Property Tax: Myths & Misunderstandings.

The tentative tax roll will be available on May 1, 2011 and the Board of Assessment Review will meet with residents at the end of May or the beginning of June.

She shared her October Board Meeting Assessment Report:

I have spoken to some of the Town Board members for Genoa & Ledyard. At their request, I am composing a letter to include with the renewal applications this year. I feel that there may be quite a few exemptions out there that folks really are not entitled to. This costs everyone else more and is unfair. I am requiring all exemption procedures to be by the book so that I can get those issues sorted out.

I have included a preliminary letter with this report. I have discussed some options with Past Supervisor Bradley. We considered either enclosing an additional letter from the Board or signing the final copy of the letter attached to include with renewals. I have asked that Towns of Ledyard & Venice to do the same as long as they are in favor of the strict adherent to Exemption administration law.

NYS ORPS has changed rules for annual and triennial reassessment procedures. They do not have a concrete plan yet, however a pretty general outline has been given. It will now be called cyclical Assessment. Assessments can be updated in 1,2,3,4,5 year increments. State aid payments are also changing. Each year full reassessments are done, a payment of up to \$5 will be given. (Assessments change, Eq. rate stays at 100%) Each year assessments are not done (assessment stay the same eq. rate changes) a payment of up to \$2 will be given. HERE'S THE CATCH...If you decide to do a full assessment and then do not complete it, you will have to pay back all payments received. This will help push town who normally don't complete assessments to get them done. I have attached copies of some information I have just received today. I will be looking this over closely and would like to speak with the Board at the November meeting.

Please let me know how the Board feels about these issues. Please feel free to email me, call me or stop in the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Garner
Genoa Assessor

Heather said she hopes to have the renewal letters out by December 1 at the latest.

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Paul Burhans, a dog control officer from Homer, asked the Board to be considered for the Town's DCO for the coming year. The Board will discuss this at a later date.

RESOLUTION 81-2010 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion of Board Member Armstrong, seconded by Board Member Shields, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Armstrong, Sellen, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2010 were approved with one correction. The minutes should read - Carl Collier will raise his yearly fee. The September minutes said: Carl Collier will be raising his monthly fee to \$300

RESOLUTION 82-2010 **APPROVAL OF BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Armstrong, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Armstrong, Sellen, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the Budget Workshop minutes of September 27, 2010 were approved

REPORTS

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Fessenden

RESOLUTION 83-2010 **APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Sellen, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Armstrong, Sellen, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the September Supervisor's Report be approved

CLERK'S REPORT

Report on Revenues from Clerk's Office for September 2010

Decals	\$ 1.93
Building Permits	477.00
Dog Licenses	
Total received	\$51.00

Disbursements for September

Pd to Supervisor	\$ 502.78
Pd to CC Treasurer for dog licenses	\$ 24.15
Pd to Ag & Markets for dog licenses	\$ 3.00

RESOLUTION 84-2010 **CLERK'S REPORT**

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Armstrong, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Armstrong, Sellen, Shields
Nays 0

Resolved that the September 2010 Clerk's Report be accepted

HIGHWAY REPORT

Dale Sellen

The south end of Mahaney Road has been paved, using foam oil and seems to be holding up well to the heavy traffic that it has been getting. Time will tell how well it stands up to the winter freezing and thawing. The other end of Mahaney road from route 90 to Center road is cold paved. The shim coat and top coat leveled the road so that it should make it much safer for traffic. The men have been putting down gravel on the shoulders in between the rain. The new conveyer works great. Jeff is getting better with it every time he uses it. The south end has also been chip sealed, but still needs some shoulder and driveway work. Weather permitting, next week we should have the north end chip sealed as well.

Jake has finished mowing for the season and has been brooming off shoulders after the gravel was added. He has also been ditching and cleaning culverts after the heavy rain we had. There were a few shoulders that were washed out, but were filled in with the conveyer and rolled.

The men have been hauling cinders from AES Cayuga and sand from RMS Gravel for the upcoming winter.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

ASSESSOR'S UPDATE

Heather Garner

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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mick Piechuta

Monthly Report

Date	9/8/10 – 10/13/10	Hours	49.5
		Miles	125- regular 37- training

PERMITS ISSUED: 5

10 – 28 J Fessenden	Fire Lane 7	Shed
10 – 29 J Kaplan	1500 Atwater Road	Heating system
10 – 30 F Krebs	2223 Atwater Road	Mobile home*
10 – 31 E/J Thurston	886 State Route 34	Deck
10 – 32 D. Ziebarth	391 Powers Road	Addition
DEMO D Wood/J Posner	Fire Lane 7	Camp

INSPECTIONS

J Grant	Rte 90*	G Relyea	Route 34
R Osterhoudt	Rte 90	J Hotelling	Indian Field
T Meyers	Atwater	A Richter	Bartnick
L Sheils	Rte 34	D Wood	Fire Lane 7

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

Jeff Moody	Hill Road	New House
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

J Hotelling	Indian Field Road	Heating system
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COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

Received letter from Town Attorney concerning South Street property (will share with Board)

ISO conducted an audit of the Code Department

Attended 2010 NYS Code update class at Clay Fire Department

Worked with F Krebs and J Grant on getting a variance on mobile homes they want to put in the Town

Answered questions concerning town laws and codes

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With regard to the South Street property, the Town Attorney recommends adopting a local law which would incorporate and combine both the code enforcement requirements and the unsafe buildings process into one law. He suggested doing this after December 15, 2010

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Cheryl Shields

Mr. Buehl met with the Committee. In order to bring the special contracts into the regular water district, it would cost approximately \$700,000. The cost could be cut in half if it were done by the Town.

WATER REPORT

Mark Conner

Water usage for the month of August – 2,400,400 gallons

Average water usage – 56,810 gallons

Mark reported that he missed the deadline for the water sample to the County. It will be done next year.

Resolution 85-2010 **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

On a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Armstrong, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Armstrong, Sellen, Shields

Nays 0

Resolved to accept presented bills.

DOG CONTROL REPORT

None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

None

HISTORIAN

None

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 86-2010 **APPROVAL OF TOWN SIGNS**

On a motion of Board Member Armstrong, seconded by Board Member Shields, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Fessenden, Armstrong, Sellen, Shields

Nays 0

Resolved to approved Town of Genoa signs to be done by Mark Dunham

Board Member Armstrong will talk with Mark about sleeves and caps for the posts.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Fessenden informed the Board that since there is no zoning in the Town, the Land Use Case Law is not relevant to the Town.

She also shared an email from Peggy Bradley concerning broadband monies. The money that was earmarked by the State for bringing broadband to NY towns is now being used to produce maps to show the residents of NY what types of internet access are available in their specific area of the State.

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A letter was received from the Cayuga Lake Watershed asking for dues from the Town. The Town did not pay them last year and will not be paying them this year.

Southern Cayuga Ambulance sent their monthly report.

Supervisor Fessenden received a letter from Susie Malley asking to be considered for the Dog Control Officer position. Lorie will call her to get more information.

Next month, Legislator Fran Mitchell will speak to the Board about the Bio-gas project in Cayuga County.

Brenda Tyrrell, as Elections Manager, asked for a hook to be put in the ceiling so that a light can be placed over the voting booth. She said that another alternative would be to put in more ceiling lights. She also asked that the step, put in for the judge's desk, be removed so there would be more floor space in the room. She also stated that calls being placed from the Town Hall come up as "restricted" to those people who have caller ID. The Town Clerk will look into this.

Supervisor Fessenden stated that the Health Savings Account instituted a few years ago is not saving any money. It will be revisited next year.

With no further business, on a motion of Board Member Shields, seconded by Board Member Sellen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Carried unanimously

Susan B. Moss, Town Clerk

A Budget Workshop followed the regular meeting.